

2nd Annual Women and Girls Symposium

"Saving The Next Generation"

A Community Service Collaboration

Richland County and South Carolina find themselves at a crossroads:

- South Carolina ranks eighth in the nation for men who murder women. *South Carolina's domestic violence victimization rate was 115.4 per 10,000 inhabitants in 2008.* Domestic violence is the leading cause of injuries to women ages 15 to 44 – more common than auto accidents, mugging, and cancer combined.
- Richland County is number one in the rate of HIV among all of South Carolina's counties. Chlamydia, gonorrhea and other sexually transmitted infections among adolescents also are at an all time high.
- Sexual assault among women and girls continues to plague our community. Many acts go unreported, yet, the trauma lives on for years.
- Adolescent pregnancies are of continued concern. In 2007, 10,754 girls in South Carolina ages 10-19 became pregnant. South Carolina's African American pregnancy rate increased by 17% from 2004 to 2007. The Caucasian pregnancy rates for South Carolina have leveled off but have not made any notable decreases since 2004. All of this information tells us that we must continue to come together to help save the next generation.

- What: **"Saving the Next Generation: Women and Girls Symposium"**
- Who: **Women and Girls throughout Richland and surrounding Counties**
- Ages: **Girls 13-17 years old
Women 18 and up**
- When: **Thursday, June 24, 2010**
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Doors open at 8:00 a.m.
- Where: **Eau Claire High School**
4800 Monticello Rd, Columbia, SC 29203
- Highlight: **Performing Artists**
Public Offenders
- Kick-Off
Event: ***Ladies Night Out* featuring "Imagine That"**
IMPROVISATIONAL THEATER TROUPE
From Spartanburg, South Carolina
Wednesday evening, June 23, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Same location
Space Limited to 300 for this event
- How To
Register: **For registration forms www.schivaidscouncil.org**
Fax registration forms to **(803) 254-2209**
or mail them to **1115 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC 29201**
- For More
Information: Call South Carolina HIV/ AIDS Council at (803) 254-6644
Email: women-girls@live.com

400 Capacity

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No On-Site Registration

